

## Minutes

### **Judicial Education Committee Meeting**

**March 14, 2003-- 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**National City Center, Room 1073**

1. **Committee Members present:** Earl Penrod, Bob Freese, Jane Magnus-Stinson, Doug Morton, Ted Todd, Jim Williams.
2. **Staff present:** Cathy Springer and Anne Jordan
3. **Minutes:** The minutes from the January meeting were adopted as submitted.
4. **Subcommittee Reports:**
  - a. Judicial College. Judge Penrod reported that the Judicial College subcommittee met. Among the items discussed: development of a system to give additional judicial college credit to faculty ("course development credit"); involving the law schools around the state to conduct masters courses; and a determination that only sitting judicial officers who meet the criteria are eligible for a Masters' certificate.
  - b. New Judicial Officers. It was reported that although this committee did not meet, they recently had a telephone conference. All agreed the orientation was a success. The sub-committee would like to develop information on personnel issues that could be provided to new judges immediately after the election. The committee members also agreed that the "pass the gavel" sessions should be moved to January.
  - c. Technology: Staff reported that the judicial education website will soon have a library link which will contain Judge Burnham's materials for a session in April plus a PowerPoint presentation developed by Barbara Harcourt on Confessions.  
<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/center/ed>
5. **2003 Curriculum.**
  - a. Spring Judicial College. Three classes are already filled (Excel, Power Point, and Guilty Pleas). To date, 160 judicial officers have signed up for at least one course.
  - b. Graduate Program. A new class of 30 will begin their first week on June 1.
  - c. Juvenile Judges Annual Meeting: The theme is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Juvenile Courts in Indiana. Highlights include innovative practices in the juvenile area and a reception is being planned at the Brown County Courthouse.
  - d. Annual Meeting in September: *A tentative agenda was provided.* Justice Breyer is unavailable to speak at the opening plenary. The consensus was reached that we should continue to seek a Supreme Court Justice to be the keynote presenter.
  - e. Domestic Relations Workshop: The topic will be related to the effects of divorce on the children.
  - f. Winter Conference: The committee agreed that Jury Rules should not be the topic for the one day conference in December. All liked pursuing the idea of "alternative dispositions in sentencing" and those planning to attend Ed LaTessa's session in April will report back to the committee in May.

- g. Spring 2004. Are we accomplishing our goals for the Spring Judicial College? Are we fulfilling the needs of our audience? The committee agreed to discuss these issues at the May meeting.
6. **2002 Year in Review:** The curriculum grid for 2002 was handed out. The committee thought that the numbers looked acceptable and agreed to discuss the curriculum categories and percentage goals at the 2004 retreat.
7. **Faculty and Course Development.** The next faculty development training will be in 2004, however PowerPoint classes will be offered in April and in September, and possibly at other times throughout the year. It was decided to look into holding a reception that will recognize both existing faculty and recruit new faculty, hopefully at the September conference.
8. **Next Meeting:** *The next Education Committee meeting will be on Friday, May 16, 2003, at the Indiana Judicial Center.* Subcommittees will meet from 10:00–12:00, the full committee will meet from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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